

<sup>f</sup> The following types of problem occur under this heading (in letters from mothers and nurses) : Bed-wetting; persistent refusal to use the pot either or both for urination and defaecation, this refusal ranging from constant failure to ask for attention in time, to absolute obstinacy to use the pot when presented, or absolute terror and screaming at the sight of it; severe constipation; refusal to urinate when held out at 10 p.m., or screaming and restlessness through the night if held out then ; wetting the floor or a particular piece of furniture in the night time ; and one case of complete adaptation to the pot *only*, so that the pot has to be taken about wherever the child goes. These cases vary in degree from mere lateness in acquisition of control to severe obstinacy and terror at a later age, the age range being ten and a half months to thirteen years, three children being six years and over. ?

The following are illustrative letters :

1. " Tony's (aged 3;6) other trouble is that if I have to correct him he has always an answer for me and threatens to ' cry all night ' or \* I'll wet my knickers ', and although I ignore him will keep his threat going for half an hour or longer, insisting that I shall hear him."
2. " My little boy, now three and a half, is naturally excitable. When he gets into these fits of excitement, he shouts out all sorts of ridiculous things. Some of them are just nonsense, but he has got into the habit of shouting a few really objectionable remarks, always with reference to his daily motion, or his ' botty '. It sounds quite horrible when he goes round shouting about these things, ' You're a dirty botty ', and ' I'll sniS your botty/ In common with, I believe, quite a number of little children, the whole subject has always fascinated him and in his own private conversations with his sister he frequently talks about these things in a very amused way, and he is always highly tickled by the way the dogs will sniff each other in the road (hence the

second remark

I quote). I am sure he has never heard any  
coarse remarks.\*

3. " She (aged sixteen months) was trained  
from birth to  
be a clean baby, but within the last two  
months she has  
persistently fought and screamed every time  
the chamber is  
produced. When she comes in from the  
garden she is  
immediately held out, but I can never get her to  
do anything—  
and she does nothing but pinch me and go  
perfectly stiff on  
my lap. Then after she has played around for  
a few minutes  
she will wet herself, and looks up at me as if she  
knows that  
she has been naughty."